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DEVELOPMENT OF FLOOD PRONE AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that various Centrally sponsored programmes launched for planned development of the flood prone areas have not left any positive impact;

(b) if so, the reasons for the failure of the programmes;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce any special programme in place of general schemes going on at present;

(d) if so, whether any action plan has been considered in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): As intimated by the Central Water Commission, flood is a natural phenomenon. Complete protection to all the flood affected areas against all magnitudes of floods is neither practically feasible nor economically viable. Reasonable protection against flood using combination of structural and non-structural measures is the strategy adopted for flood management. Flood control/management is primarily the function of the State Government. Flood control/management schemes are formulated and implemented by the State Governments on the basis of availability of funds and priority fixed by them. Central Government makes available fund for flood control schemes in Annual Plans to the State Governments through Planning Commission. In addition, the Central Government gives special assistance to the border States and North Eastern States for taking up some special priority works.

The progress achieved in flood control works are indicated below:-

S.No.	Item	Progress achieved
1.	Length of Embankments (Km.)	16,200
2.	Length of Drainage Channels (Km.)	32,003
3.	Towns Protected (Nos.)	906
4.	Villages raised (Nos.)	4,721